

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 955

By Alexander

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Appalachia Service Project on its receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens and organizations that have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachia Service Project of East Tennessee received the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of its laudable commitment to the Johnson City and Washington County community; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit Christian ministry, the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in the Central Appalachia region, with an emphasis on relationships and community engagement between volunteers and families; and

WHEREAS, with headquarters in Johnson City, ASP serves twenty-five counties in five states through the labor of 12,000 volunteers, who work assiduously to aid families in need; volunteer support is critical to extending the resources of ASP and enabling the ministry to serve approximately eighty families in Tennessee annually; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the Appalachia Service Project of East Tennessee are model citizens; their commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the Appalachia Service Project for its outstanding community leadership, congratulate the organization as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.